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1. Major rail loadings took place in Halberstadt on 8 or 9 February 1955. The loadings allegedly involved trucks and tanks from the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5271) in Halberstadt. After the departure of these units, the installation was reportedly occupied by one 100-man detail. On 18 February, a flatcar carrying a T-34/85 tank was seen at the Oschersleben railroad station. 1
2. On 18 February, 4 AA guns, presumably of 85 mm, 5 AA guns presumably of 37 mm, 40 trucks and 10 heavy machine guns, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes were entrained at the Haldensleben railroad station and left toward Magdeburg at about 1230. 2
3. During the second half of February, it was determined that the Bau-Union Wismar constructed barracks for Soviet soldiers and apartment houses for 2 officer families each in Rerik. The soldiers scheduled to move into the new barracks were quartered in tents. 3
4. In the morning of 3 March, a column of approximately 60 trucks including 45 trucks carrying pontoons and the others carrying other engineer equipment and approximately 250 soldiers left the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) in Magdeburg. 4
5. The following shipments were unloaded at the Bins railroad station on Ruegen Island:
 11 February. A shipment of 6 x 85-mm AT guns, approximately 20 trucks and some 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes from 30 flatcars and 10 boxcars.
 12 February. A shipment of 6 x 85-mm AT guns, approximately 20 trucks and some 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes from 30 flatcars and 10 boxcars.
 13 February. A shipment of 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, approximately 20 trucks and some 150 soldiers from 30 flatcars and 10 boxcars. 5
6. On 27 February, another 3 tractors, in addition to the 23 tractors which had been dispatched to the installation on 18 February, arrived in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001) in Brandenburg. The tractors were described as follows: T-34 chassis (5 bogie wheels, 1 idler wheel and 1 drive wheel), a trough-shaped metal superstructure, about 2 meters high and provided

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with a tarpaulin with plexiglass windows. The total height of the vehicle was approximately 3.6 meters. 6

1. Comment. [redacted] Septemb Gardelagen on 12 February and returned to Halberstadt from Jassenitz on 17 February. The present information furnishes a first indication of the occupation of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. Since the installation allegedly quartered tanks, and units which left the installation for the Letzing Heath, apparently included AT guns, it is possible that the installation is occupied by a mechanized regiment. Observations in Magdeburg indicated as early as in the fall of 1954 that major elements of the 63d Gds Mechs Regt of the 19th Gds Mechs Div were no longer stationed in the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286). There is reason to believe that these elements are now stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. On the other hand, it is also possible that the 16th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 207th Mts Rifle Div or elements of the regiment are stationed there since this regiment has not been located for a prolonged period. The latter possibility is supported by the fact that the 597th Mts Rifle Regt of the division is stationed in nearby Quedlinburg.
2. Comment. The loading presumably involved units of the 2503d Gds AAA Regt of the 19th Gds Mechs Div which, [redacted] transferred to Altengrabow and, according to observations at the post, returned to Hillersleben on 17 February.
3. Comment. The construction of barracks buildings at the Wustrow AAA firing range and the temporary quartering of the soldiers in a [redacted] tent camp has previously been reported [redacted]
4. Comment. The fact that the column came from the Seeckt Kaserne, tends to indicate that units of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of GAFG were involved. Some of the motor vehicle [redacted] are, however, believed to belong to the 19th Gds Mechs Div. The column which had previously been reported without installation, had therefore erroneously been believed to belong to the U/1 Gds Engr Bn of the 19th Gds Mechs Div.
5. Comments [redacted] of units of the 4th AF Arty Brig returned to Bin. from firing practices at Wustrow, on 11 and 12 February.
6. Comment. According to reports on transportation, two shipments, totaling approximately 40 tractors, arrived for the 124th Hv How Arty Brig via Frankfurt/Oder on 17 and 26 February. See [redacted] Information in the present report indicated that the new tractor with T-34 chassis, which was previously observed in Moscow, was concerned. It cannot be determined for which purpose the tractors were assigned to the brigade, since special vehicles for the top-load 105-mm howitzers have been located there for a long time.

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